

COMMISSIONERS RETURN

Return From Two Weeks Trip Inspecting Court Houses

AN INTERESTING TRIP

County Commissioners Reek, Hashman and Wanek returned Tuesday morning from a two weeks trip through eastern Nebraska and Missouri points, during which time they inspected a large number of court houses and other public buildings.

The first stop was at Broken Bow, Nebraska, where a court house was recently erected at a cost of \$58,000. The next stop was at Grand Island, Nebraska, where the court house cost \$150,000. The next stop was Central City, Nebraska, where the cost of the court house was \$88,000.

SWEET CLOVER AS FORAGE

Already Being Grown Extensively in Some Parts of the Sand Hills Country.

PRAISED BY MANY RANCHMEN.

Alliance is not situated in the sand hills, but in the principal town of a large sand hill territory, and The Herald has a large circulation in the sand hill country.

The same paper contained the following, which we are sure will interest many Herald readers: There is no longer doubt in the minds of those who have investigated the growth of sweet clover in the sand hills, that it is the most valuable of all winter forage to the stock man.

During the past two years the department of agriculture has issued many bulletins setting forth in detail its adaptation to lighter soils, its culture and food value, the following article being furnished the Tribune this week:

Frequent inquiries come to the State Board of Agriculture concerning the value of sweet clover as a forage and hay crop and for the restoration of wasting soils. Much interest has been aroused in this plant since it has been discovered that it carries in its root-nodules the characteristic bacteria which live on the roots of alfalfa and it is being sown extensively in the sand hill region.

The white sweet clover (Melilotus alba) is the better for pasture or hay as well as for soil building, because of its more profuse growth. This plant, which is a biennial, grows a considerable quantity of large fleshy roots bearing bacteria nodules which add large quantities of nitrogen to the soil, and in the process of decay these sometimes make a light crop of pasture of hay during the autumn, but it is better to sow it in the fall,

as the hard hull of the seed usually requires the action of frost to assist in germination.

There are two varieties of the yellow sweet clover, known as the M. officinalis, which is a biennial like the white and the M. indica, which is the annual plant of oriental origin, growing profusely in California.

The biennial yellow (M. officinalis) is a low growing variety which does not bear as much foliage as the white though it possesses the same properties as a host for bacteria which store nitrogen in the soil. The chief value attaching to the biennial yellow lies in the fact that it blooms two or three weeks ahead of the white, and for this reason is much prized by beekeepers as a source of honey.

Another important element of value which attaches to sweet clover is in the nature of the bacteria which live upon its roots, these being the same as the bacteria which are found upon the roots of alfalfa. Sweet clover grows readily upon almost any soil and provides in abundance the inoculation which is necessary for the successful growing of alfalfa.

If you contemplate buying sweet clover for forage purposes or for adding to the fertility of the soil, we would recommend the white variety, and think you will find it economical even at the higher price. Sow at the rate of 15 lbs. of the seed to the acre in a well prepared seed bed which should be lightly rolled or dragged with a plank drag after seeding.

Sweet clover may be profitably sown in ravines or other waste places where it will occupy the soil and drive out obnoxious weeds. For the latter purpose it is also a valuable plant to sow by the road side.

Reward for Shoffner

R. C. Shoffner, who was at one time proprietor of the Star Store in Alliance, which is located where the Bee Hive now is, was mentioned in the last edition of Collier's in the articles now running in that weekly on "The Arson Trust." Shoffner has a very bad record and a number of rewards are out for him, as is shown by the following article from the Western Underwriters, of March 17, 1910, which we reprint by kindness of Gray & Guthrie.

The National Board has offered \$500 reward for the arrest and conviction of the person who set fire to premises at 115 East Main street, Greensburg, Ind., on Feb. 24, 1909, by which the merchandise stock of R. C. Shoffner was partially destroyed; \$500 reward in connection with the R. C. Shoffner's fire at Farmington, Mo., Jan. 29, 1907, and \$1,000 reward in connection with the fire at Brigham City, Utah, Sept. 1, 1909, by which the merchandise stock of Dennis Dannacher, Greensburg, Ind., was destroyed.

Adjusters have submitted the following synopsis of places and dates where fires occurred: Fire at Lebanon, Ind., February 1901; stock owned by W. R. Walsh of New York and managed by W. N. Shoffner, amount of insurance and loss paid not known.

Greensburg, Ind., February 1902; stock owned by H. S. Pison & Co. in which R. C. Shoffner was a partner; insurance \$14,000.

Farmington, Mo., Jan. 29, 1907; stock owned by R. C. Shoffner and under the management of J. Elmer Hill and son, R. E. Hill; insurance paid \$4,500.

Pendleton, Ind., Sept. 7, 1907; stock claimed to be owned by Wm. F. N. Shoffner and R. C. Shoffner; amount of insurance paid not known.

Alliance, Nebr., January, 1908; stock owned by R. C. Shoffner and managed by William N. Shoffner, loss \$1,000.

Greensburg, Ind., February 24, 1909 stock owned by R. C. Shoffner; total insurance \$11,000.

Brigham City, Utah, Sept. 1, 1909; stock claimed to be owned by D. D. (Dennis) Dannacher, who is known as R. C. Shoffner, and doing business under the firm name of N. M. Havens and others.

FULL BLOOD CHICKENS

A. Wayne Wilson, besides being an up-to-date farmer, is a poultry fancier. Yesterday he received by express from Waco, Nebr., thirteen full blood Plymouth Rock chickens, twelve hens and one cockerel.

The cockerel is full brother to the cockerel that took first prize at the Nebraska state show this year and also of a pullet that took a prize at the Chicago show.

MORE BLIZZARD POST CARDS

Another thousand of blizzard photograph post cards arrived this week and are now for sale by the following dealers, who will be glad to fill your order for single cards or the complete set, which contains ten cards: S. A. Peoples, Geo. Fleming, F. J. Brennan, F. E. Holsten, Harry Thiels, Geo. Snyder.

SUPPER AT BURLINGTON HOTEL

The following Hemingford young people took supper at the Burlington Hotel Friday evening: Dr. F. W. Boland, M. C. Ady, Alex. O. S., Rupert Walker, Jas. Kuh, Brown Church, Stella Withurn, Iva Glasgow, Lee Lloyd, Mayme Miller, Barney Shepherd, Glen Walker, John Kuhn, Frank Uhrig and Earl Ruckey.

PULL TOGETHER POLICY

Mayor-elect Rodgers Favors United Action Among Business Men for the Good of the City.

ALLIANCE IN THE LEAD

STATEMENT BY MR. RODGERS

Alliance, Nebraska, April 10, 1913.

I am anxious to see the business men of Alliance pull together for the good of the city. I wish to see strife between competitors in business cut out. Competition is all right as long as competitors are willing to follow a "live and let live" policy, but I do not believe in any one trying to drive his competitor out of business. And I think this policy should apply to the newspapers of the city as well as to others.

I was elected mayor not as a party candidate and not on a party platform, but as the candidate of republicans as well as democrats and on the platform of Alliance first. When a man is a candidate for a city office it makes no difference to me what his politics may be, but I want to know that he is for the upbuilding of this city and the development of the Burlington railroad territory.

I wish to see the two Alliance papers, as well as other business interests, pull together for the best interests of the city, and do not want to say or do anything to create discord between the papers. The last issue of the Semi-weekly Times had a statement under the head, "Mayor-elect Says no Politics in the City Election." I endorse what was said in the article, except that I did not say what was attributed to me in the two paragraphs in regard to The Herald. I have no criticism to offer on The Herald's course in regard to city politics during the campaign or since election.

The reason The Herald has declined to enter into a needless controversy with its Alliance competitor is not because of fear of being worsted in the controversy. We are opposed to competitors quarreling, especially in public. Outside of all moral considerations, which, however, we do not wish to ignore, it is detrimental to the interests of the city.

As we have said before, there's nothing in it. It is to be expected that the policies of the two papers will differ, as well as the opinions of men engaged in other lines of business, but in our humble opinion the proper way to settle those differences is not by lining up the people of the city and country into two hostile factions. One reason why The Herald has been so strongly in favor of voting directly on public questions is that by that means differences of opinion can be settled with less friction than when left entirely to public officials.

We believe that some times it is the proper policy to leave well enough alone. Business is coming The Herald's way very satisfactorily and we are willing to let it continue coming and do not propose to be led into a course to stop it. For a while this paper was discriminating against in the matter of public printing, the Times receiving the benefit of the discrimination. Formerly that paper had an absolute monopoly on final proof notices coming to Alliance and for a time on city and county printing. Now that a change of administration has brought a division of final proof notices, and The Herald having been designated as an official publication of both city and county, the new proprietors of the Times are resorting to various expedients in a vain effort to stop the tide of public approval coming this way. It is not our intention to even mention all the expedients to which they have resorted, but will refer to one, which to us looks very much like a subterfuge: They claim that they require subscribers to pay in advance in order to receive their paper; if we remember correctly, they recently published a statement that ninety-eight per cent. of their subscribers were paid in advance. While The Herald prefers that subscriptions be paid in advance, we do not require it, provided that they do not become more than one year in arrears. An examination of our subscription books will probably show that less than sixty per cent. of our subscribers are paid ahead. Now comes the Times editor with a great flourish and deposits fifty dollars in one of the city banks which he proposes to forfeit if his paper has not a larger number of paid in advance subscribers than The Herald. But there are tricks in all trades. If the statement published by the Times in regard to the per cent. of its subscribers who are paid in advance is true, it would be necessary for The Herald to have almost twice as many actual subscribers in order to not lose by accepting the challenge which was made with an air of good faith.

We might say something in regard to the unjust insinuation made by that paper regarding a truthful statement, made under oath of the business manager of The Herald, giving the average circulation for the year up to the time the statement was made; we might mention several other things of which we might complain.

If our readers will forgive us this once for referring to what seems to be their unfair tactics, we promise to not do it again—soon. "With malice toward none and charity for all" we shall be glad to cooperate with our competitors, as well as with other business men, for the upbuilding of Alliance and the development of northwestern Nebraska.

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Mrs. A. J. Pickett is in Alliance, keeping house for her mother, Mrs. Judge Bullock, while the latter is in Ravenna caring for her daughter Mrs. Peterson, who is seriously ill.

New Store in Alliance

E. Essay, who was formerly in business in Alliance and is well and favorably known here, is opening a large stock of new goods in the fourth building south of The Herald office, at 113 Box Butte avenue. He is a careful business man, a good judge of goods and understands the wants of the people. He starts out right by putting in a large stock of up-to-date goods and a big advertisement in this issue of The Herald, which we invite our readers to notice. We should add that the store room has been newly papered and painted. Mr. Essay intends to keep his place clean and attractive and up-to-date in every respect.

ENTERTAINMENT MONDAY

What promises to be one of the most interesting entertainments of the season will be given under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. at the M. E. church next Monday evening. It is not a temperance lecture, but will consist of a musical program and readings by Mrs. Geo. E. Tobey and Mrs. Bess Gerhart Morrison of Lincoln. Admission 15 and 25 cents.

GOES BACK TO HOMESTEAD

Mrs. W. H. Morris will leave tomorrow for the homestead in Sioux county, fifty miles a little north of west of Alliance. She will go on the train to Mitchell from which place she will go by team to the claim twenty miles north. A five-months' leave of absence was obtained November 12th. During the leave of absence the family have been residing in Alliance and enjoying the winter much better than they would on the claim, as there was no particular work there to be done during the cold weather.

OLD HICKORY CHIPS.

An anti-suffragist speaking against equal suffrage, says that there are too many fools voting already. Outch!

Something is evidently wrong when Democrats decline good jobs with large salaries attached.

New York continues to lead in prosperity. A commission now finds that Sing Sing will have to be enlarged.

"Make the men good and the girl will be," says a witness before the Chicago Vice Commission. Of course! or vice versa!

Among the chief criminals were those who in the flood district raised the price of food to the poor sufferers.

Another moral of the floods is that dams must be watertight and flood proof.

But, of course, Senator Sherman, the new Illinois senator, has other accomplishments besides that of "looking like Lincoln."

SOCIETY

Friends of Miss Ethel Whetstone, who has been ill for four months with rheumatism and who is now improving, gave her a birthday post card shower Tuesday in honor of her sixteenth birthday.

Mrs. J. Kridelbaugh and daughter, Bernice, entertained at 500 Friday afternoon at the Kridelbaugh home. First prize, a hammered brass tray, was won by Mrs. Percy Cogswell. The free for all prize, a silver neck chain, was won by Mrs. W. D. Rumber. A five course luncheon was served. The guests were Mesdames J. Wood, Weidenhamer, Welch, D. J. Nelson, Young, John Brennan, Marvin, Knight, Tully, Gilman, Andrews, Schlupp, Broome, Cogswell, Sotani, Frankie, James Gaddis, Gavlin, Hall, Hamilton, Harris Holsten, M. E. Johnson, C. L. Lester, Marks, McCluer, Mitchell, Gantz, Helppinger, Peckenpaugh, Raycroft, Slagle, Ware, Bozue, Fellwood and Miss Broome.

A good sized crowd of Alliance music lovers attended the piano recital of Sidney Silber, director of the piano department of the University of Nebraska school of music, presented by Mrs. Wayne D. Zediker at the opera house Monday evening. A Weber grand piano was used and the program was interesting from start to finish. The program was as follows:

- PROGRAM. I. Beethoven - Sonata Op. 10 No. 3 Presto. II. Largo e mesto Menuetto. Gluck-Sgambati - Rondo. Mozart - Pastoral Variet. Chopin - Polonaise Op. 26 No. 1. Nocturne D Flat. Berceuse. Scherzo Op. 39. III. Raoul Pugno - Intiments de Clochettes. Claude Debussy - Nocturne. Paul Juon - Etude Op. 18 No. 1. Theodore Leschetzky - Barcarolle Liszt - Twelfth Hungarian Rhapsody. Alliance music lovers, because of the fact that his own is so far from the big musical centers, seldom have the opportunity of hearing as talented a musician as Mr. Silber, who will always be welcome here.

The Hemingford home talent play, "What Happened to Jones," drew a large crowd to the Phelan Opera House Friday evening. This company is composed of thirteen people. They carried their own scenery and orchestra. For a home talent production this play made the hit of the season.

The leading character was Jones, played by Dr. F. W. Boland, who formerly resided in Alliance and has many friends here. Doctor Boland has missed his calling, for we are of the earnest opinion that he should have chosen the stage instead of the medical profession. The work of the entire company showed much training and plenty of practice. The play was a comical one, and the house was in an uproar at times when an excruciatingly funny situation came up.

Other players who took prominent parts in the play were N. G. Palmer, as Prof. Goodley; Mrs. N. G. Palmer, as Alvina Starlight; Miss Beryl Wagner, as Helma; Miss Stella Withurn, as Cissy. The Herald believes that these young people deserve great commendation for their high class work. The play was repeated at Hemingford Saturday night to a crowded house.

OVER \$1900 IN PRIZES

Big Prizes Will Draw Large Attendance at Tournament and Convention

COMMITTEE DOING GOOD WORK

The joint committee, appointed by the commercial club and the fire department, for the purpose of advertising the coming tournament and convention, met Tuesday evening and outlined the program for the tournament. Those present at the meeting were Romig, Mallery, Laine, Spacht and Rodgers.

Following is the program and prizes to be awarded:

- Program Wednesday, June 25th, 1913. 9:00 A. M. Band Concert. 10:00 A. M. Firemen's Parade. Largest delegation attending Tournament with team: 1st Prize \$25.00 2nd Prize 15.00 Best appearing Company in attendance with Team: 1st Prize 15.00 2nd Prize 10.00 Team entering that came the longest distance, distance to be counted by shortest route by rail: 1st Prize 25.00 1:00 P. M. Band Concert. 2:00 P. M. Program. 250 yard straight away hose race, Class A: 1st Prize 75.00 2nd Prize 45.00 3rd Prize 30.00 250 yard straight away Hook and Ladder race: 1st Prize 75.00 2nd Prize 45.00 250 yard Firemen's races: 1st Prize 15.00 2nd Prize 10.00 3rd Prize 5.00 250 yard straight away Hose race, Class B: 1st Prize 60.00 2nd Prize 36.00 3rd Prize 24.00

Thursday, June 26th, 1913

- 9:00 A. M. Band Concert. 10:00 A. M. 100 yard wet hose race. 1st Prize 25.00 2nd Prize 15.00 1:00 P. M. Band Concert. 2:00 P. M. Program. 250 yard Regulation Hose race, Class A: 1st Prize 75.00 2nd Prize 45.00 3rd Prize 30.00 Regulation 250 yard Hook and Ladder race: 1st Prize 75.00 2nd Prize 45.00 100 yard Chief's race: 1st Prize, Fireman's coat, val. 25.00 2nd Prize, Fireman's coat 15.00 50 foot Coupling Contest: 1st Prize 25.00 2nd Prize 15.00 250 yard Regulation Hose Race, Class B: 1st Prize 60.00 2nd Prize 36.00 3rd Prize 24.00 7:30 P. M. Water Fight: 1st Prize 15.00 2nd Prize 10.00

Friday, June 27th, 1913

- 9:00 A. M. Band Concert. 10:00 A. M. 100 yard Wet Hose race: 1st Prize 25.00 2nd Prize 15.00 1:00 P. M. Band Concert. 1:30 P. M. Program. 250 yard state championship regulation hose race, Class A: 1st Prize 100.00 2nd Prize 60.00 3rd Prize 40.00 3-foot State Championship Coupling Contest: 1st Prize 35.00 2nd Prize 21.00 250 yard State Championship Hook and Ladder regulation race: 1st Prize 100.00 2nd Prize 60.00 State Championship Ladder Coupling Contest: 1st Prize 25.00 2nd Prize 15.00 250 yard State Championship regulation hose race, Class B: 1st Prize 75.00 2nd Prize 45.00 3rd Prize 30.00 250 yard straight away hose race, open to the World: 1st Prize 125.00 2nd Prize 100.00 3rd Prize 75.00

After 500 years in a strange land, the Turks ought to be glad to get back home to Asia.

Saturday of this week Harper's Ladies' Toggery will have a graduates' millinery opening which will be of special interest to many Herald readers. This is what is known as a mid-summer white millinery opening, and is for the convenience of sweet girl graduates who wish to buy hats before commencement time.

C. W. Bloomfield, father of Mrs. A. L. Godfrey, with family, arrived for a visit Saturday. He returns home tomorrow. His family will remain for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Lawrence and family came to Alliance Tuesday, expecting to return the next day. While here their fourteen year old daughter was taken sick with pneumonia. She is at the home of Mrs. Lawrence's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Burrow.

The seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gaines Chapman was seriously ill last week with pneumonia. He is better at this time.